



Literacy

This week, we have started to read a new book called, 'The Emperor's Egg.' We looked at a small part of the front cover and tried to predict what the book was going to be about.



The children have been learning facts about Emperor penguins and where they live. They have labelled the parts of a penguin and compared their own height next to a life size cut out of an Emperor penguin. We learnt that male Emperor penguins rest the egg on their feet and tuck the egg under its tummy to keep it warm. The children tried to carry a fake egg on their feet without it dropping. Have a look at the photo on SeeSaw and ask your child if he/ she can remember any facts about Emperor penguins.

Understanding the World (Past and Present)

The children were shown an image of a man and we asked the children to guess who they think it is and why he is



famous. The children were great at using clues to guess what he might be famous for. Some children said that they think he climbs mountains because he has got snow on his coat. We discovered that the man is a famous explorer called Sir Ranulph Fiennes. We learnt all about his expeditions.

Understanding the World (The Natural World)

The children have been learning about polar animals and where they live. We learnt about the special features that these animals have that help them to live in cold places. We have also explored the ice and snow outside in the recent weather. We went on an ice hunt in our outdoor area and talked about the water freezing and turning to ice. We learnt that the water that was in the water tray had changed from a liquid to a solid.

Physical Development

We took part in our first PE lesson this week. The children went into the large hall and started with a warm up exercise to develop their listening and attention skills and their ability to stop and start on cue. We will be developing fundamental movement skills this term with a focus on balance. This week, we learnt that a good balance means stillness. Our main session developed our 'on the spot' balancing skills.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning how to partition numbers 3 and 4. The children have watched animations to prompt discussions about the ways that a number has been partitioned. E.g. 2 ducks are in the pond, 1 duck is on the grass. 2 plus 1 equals 3. The children have been using part-part whole diagrams to show how a whole number is partitioned. They are making fantastic progress with their maths work.

My Happy Mind: PSED

This week, we started our new topic 'Appreciate' on My Happy Mind. We were introduced to a new character called Arabella and listened to the things that she is thankful for. We discussed the people and things we are grateful for and why.

Reminders & Notices

- PE- This will be every Friday morning. Your child can come to school in their PE kit on this day (black leggings or joggers, white polo t-shirt and black trainers). Children should still wear their school jumper/ cardigan with their PE kit.
- Punctuality- Please remember that we open the gates at 8.40am and close at 9am. It is really important that the children are in school on time so that they are not missing any vital learning. Thank you!
- SEND support- Mrs O'Keeffe is our EYFS SENCO. If you have any concerns about your child regarding special educational needs, please arrange a time to speak to her.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan